

# :: NORMAL LOST OUT IN GAME WITH WESLEYAN QUINTET ::

## LOCAL LADS DEFEATED BY LARGE SCORE

Team Does Not Play in Good Form and is Easy for College Bunch.

BUCKHANNON, March 2.—Off form and out of luck and incidentally outplayed the greater part of the game, Fairmont Normal went down to defeat here last night before a large crowd, 46-27. Only for a short time in the first half of the battle did Sandy Toothman's men threaten to make things dangerously interesting for the Wesleyan outfit. Fairmont simply could not get going, and that tells the story in a few words. Long-fellow Shuman had his first off night since he joined the Normal forces, and he had to be removed from the game late in the second period. Shuman was trying hard, but could not get steam up for some reason or other.

The Wesleyan lads played a fast, hard game all the way, while their shooting both from the floor and the foul line was of a very high order. Snedegar was the high man in the field basket line securing nine baskets during the game. Ross was next with five, while Rohrbough and Johnson each annexed two field baskets. Johnson shot 5 out of 7 fouls and Stark 3 out of 6. Mike Hamilton for Fairmont made good in 9 out of 14 chances from the foul line.

The Fairmont boys had a hard trip from the Marion metropolis, leaving their home town at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and arriving here only about 45 minutes before time for the game to start. This fact may in some measure account for the rather disappointing showing made in the contest.

Kelcei Ross, coach of the Buckhannon high school team, handled the whistle last night and his work was generally satisfactory.

Johnson did not start the game for Wesleyan, but took Starks' place in the second half. Johnson is suffering from a bad shoulder received on the recent trip of the Wesleyan bunch, but played very good ball during the time that he was in the game.

Knight played good ball for the losers, making three baskets, one a very sensational shot from the most difficult of angles and from nearly half the distance of the floor away from the basket.

Early in the game the Fairmont boys played fast ball and made considerable headway, Wesleyan never being more than a point or two ahead.

Near the middle of the first half, however, Fairmont started to fall behind, and from that time on the game was never in doubt.

The Fairmont team left for home early this morning and should arrive there at 10 o'clock. Tomorrow they will start on a trip which will end the season for them, playing at Morgantown, Waynesburg, Bethany and Muskegon. The score:

Fairmont	Wesleyan
Knight	Forward
Hamilton	Forward
Shuman	Center
Boehm	Guard
Lough	Guard
Substitutions—P. Hamilton for Shuman; Graahm for Rohrbough; Johnson for Stark.	
Field Goals—M. Hamilton 2; Shuman 2; Knight 3; Lough 1; Snedegar 3; Ross 4; Rohrbough 2; Johnson 2.	
Fouls—M. Hamilton 9 out of 14; Johnson 5 out of 7; Stark 5 out of 6.	
Referee Kelcei Ross.	
Time of Halves 20 minutes.	
Score at end of first half—Wesleyan 25; Fairmont 17.	

## Sport Chat

Sandy Toothman sure has a bunch of friends in Buckhannon. Kept the old boy busy shaking hands last night. Boy as Neely during the campaign period.

Shuman sure was in hard luck last night. Just could not get the old pep working. There is not a harder working man on the squad and it seemed odd to see him below par. He will likely get even in the West Virginia game.

Coch Kahn will take his men to Weston tonight for a contest. Saw Fred Chenoweth in Weston yesterday afternoon and he is counting on taking tonight's game. Had his boys through a hard workout yesterday afternoon.

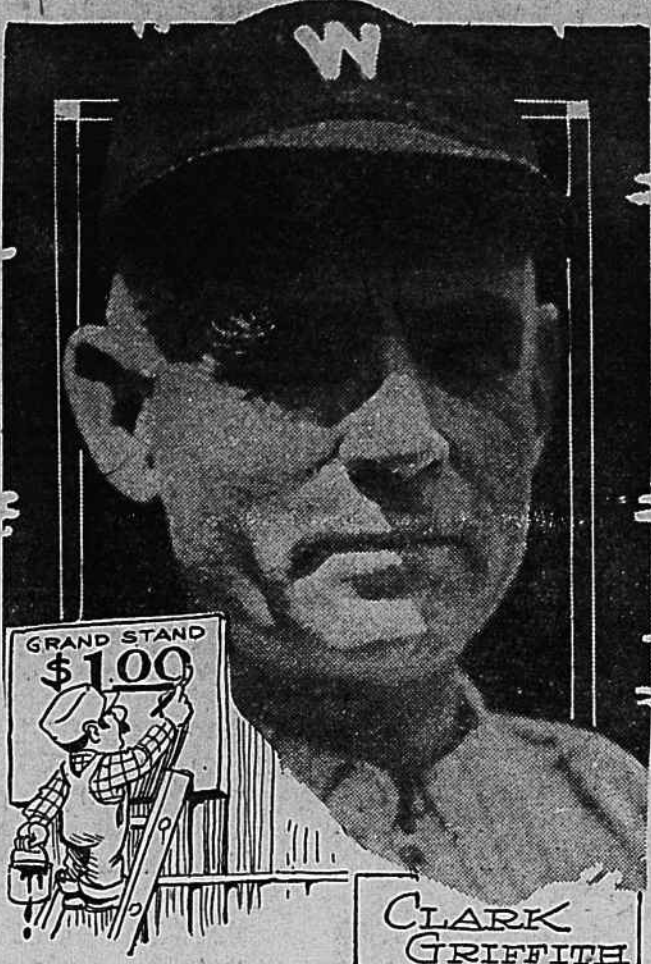
It is a hard trip from Fairmont to Buckhannon and the local players were not full of pep after three hours on the street cars and an hour on the train.

A good sized crowd turned out for the game last night, and it was a very enthusiastic one. Also had the Wesleyan band on deck to make things lively.

Had our first glimpse of Kelcei Ross in the role of referee and we have no objections to offer to his work. He is fair and all in all worked a very good game.

"Shu" is terribly busy these days getting ready for the big tournament. The state contest this year promises

## Few Clubs Pay Well



CLARK GRIFFITH

By FRED TURBYVILLE  
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Clark Griffith, Washington baseball magnate and owner, believes in enlightening the public—the baseball public—on the financial difficulties attending the conduct of a big league franchise. "All expenses of the game have doubled in the past few years and yet the magnates have kept admissions down until this year," says Griffith. "There is nothing to do but increase the receipts or get out of the business. It is doubtful if the majority of us could make a living at the old schedule of admissions and it is a certainty that few of us would receive any returns on our investment."

"Last year the Washington club made \$20,000 and out of that we had to pay a tax of \$3000. That is on an investment of \$300,000. But that was baseball's banner year. Previously we had lost money season after season—one year as much as \$43,000."

"The increase in the price of admissions probably will make the receipts from 15 to 20 per cent greater this season—if the attendance is as big."

"But we are paying much bigger salaries—every club is. The calls for the expenditure of \$6 a day for each player's room and meals while on the road. Bats cost \$1.50 now. Formerly they were 75 cents. Balls cost twice as much. Bus hire is greater. Labor on the grounds and for office and park attendance is twice what it used to be. In fact, everything costs twice as much as it did."

"I don't believe there is one real fan in a big league town who wouldn't be willing to fork up the extra \$10 it would cost him for attending practically every game of the season if he was told it was either pay more or lose the club. That is what it means to a fan who attends 70 out of a schedule of 77 games."

"Increases in salaries have been exorbitant. Many of the demands were unjustified. There are few ball clubs making money. Chicago and Detroit in the American League and New York and Pittsburgh in the National are financial successes. The others have their difficulties."

"Some of the losses have been great. I'm one of the poor men in baseball and I couldn't stand the losses that some of the big fellows have to stand."

"And yet the big fellows keep on in hopes they will turn the club into a success—some of them having lost as much as \$100,000 a year."

to be the best in the history of this annual affair and the Wesleyan authorities are making every preparation to handle a record crowd in a satisfactory manner.

Snedegar had a big night last night, knocking off nine field baskets and playing a good game all the way.

With the day of rest today, the Normal lads will go down to West Virginia tomorrow night seeking a victory. The game should be a close one. It is likely that many local fans will make the trip to Morgantown, as the game will be started in time for Fairmont people to get back to this city after the game.

Sandy says that Rodgers has been selected to work the West Virginia game. He was very successful here when he worked the Fairmont-Fairview game.

Many of the basketball fans in this section think that A Ammons, the sensational guard of the Fairview high school team, is entitled to first place among the guards who took part in the tournament here last week. In this opinion the writer agrees. He looked to us like the best bet in the guard line.

There will be at least one big dance during the tournament at Buckhannon next week and perhaps two. Great plans are being made for these social events.

Creighton university, Omaha, Neb., will be the attraction on the Wesleyan floor the night before the tournament opens. This game will take the place of the one scheduled with the Old Stars, and will beat Sandy Toothman out of a bunch of violent exercise, as he was slated to appear in the lineup of the Old Stars.

Ending up the season with a series of hard road games, the Normal will be lucky to win one or two of the final games of the season, but will make the opposition hustle to win.

Dr. J. A. Jamison and C. E. Reed, of this city, are assisting in the checker games of the south. The Fairmonters have played with Captain F. B. Fishburn, champion of the southern state. Fishburn played blindfolded and simultaneously had 30 games going.

SHINNISTON WINS.  
In an interesting game last night Shinniston girls defeated Rivesville last night at Shinniston 14-9. Score: Shinniston, 14. Rivesville, 9.

Farmer	Forward	Wilson
Morris (Riley)	Forward	Satterfield
Grim	Center	Hawkins
Hansford	Guard	Rhodes
Bowman	Guard	Swiger
Field goals—Farmer, 4; Morris, 3; Wilson, Satterfield, Hawkins.		

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## CHESS GAMES.

The first half of a chess tournament was played last evening at the home of Mr. C. A. Turner, 805 Benoni avenue. The six contestants, C. A. Turner, A. G. Thorpe, C. P. Rumpf, J. Bruce McClelland, Robert O. Miller and W. J. Miller are playing a serious of thirty games. This tournament is for the elimination of three players and the remaining three will invite any three players in Fairmont to compete in a later tournament for the championship of Fairmont. Owing to the tournament being incomplete, no scores can be given out at this time.

The second half of the tournament will be played next Friday evening March 7th, at the home of C. P. Rumpf, 7 Rhea Terrace. Chess devotees of the city wishing to enter later tournaments kindly communicate with J. Bruce McClelland, 414 Professional Building.

## BIG GAMES ON VARSITY CARD

Diamond Schedule One of the Best Ever for the University.

MORGANTOWN, March 2.—The West Virginia University baseball schedule which is rapidly taking form now, will include about fifteen games at home and ten on foreign fields. All but one of the games away from home will be played on the eastern trip which jaunt includes games with Yale, Army, Navy, Cornell, Colgate and Vermont. The other foreign game will be with Pitt at Pittsburgh on June 5th.

At home the season will likely open on April 16 and 17 when the Wheeling all-stars come here and later there will be two games each with Carnegie Tech, Washington and Jefferson, Bethany, University of Pittsburgh and the bury is still angling for some games with eastern colleges on the home field but few of these teams come into this section except on "southern" trips and these dates fall too early for West Virginia weather to be settled.

MILLERS WIN.  
The Miller school basketball team defeated the Barracksville team last night at the New Normal gym by a count of 14 to 10. The score: Miller School 14. Barracksville 10.

Pierce	Forward	Steele
Falkenhstine	Forward	Michael
Wasse	Center	It. Lawler
LeMasters	Guard	Ice

Field baskets—Miller school, Romino 3, Pierce 2, Falkenhstine 1; Barracksville, C. Lawler 3, Steel 1. Foul baskets—Miller school, Romino 2 in 4; Barracksville, Steel 2 in 5.

GREEN HEADS STARS  
Al Green, Jr., heads the Chicago net stars. He was selected by the ranking committee of the Chicago Lawn Tennis Association to top the list. Green outranks Walter T. Hayes, who for four years has been the leading player in the Chicago section.

MAY TOUR AUSTRALIA  
An offer to tour Australia has been received by Leo Schneider, Peoria featherweight, from Tom Andrews. The Milwaukee promoter has just returned from a successful trip to the Antipodes and is going back soon.

## ENTRIES CLOSE THIS THURSDAY

All Those in Big Tournament Must be Entered by That Time.

BUCKHANNON, March 2.—Entries for the Seventh Annual State Basketball Tournament close on March 4th, or on Thursday of this week. All basketball fives over the state desiring to compete in the big event will have to have their cards in the hands of Director Myron B. Hymes by that date or else they will be barred from entrance. All entries were supposed to have been mailed to director Hymes yesterday but if the official papers are in the director's hands on the date of March 4th, that will admit the teams to entrance.

The number is increasing and the question of playing the great event off in three days is becoming difficult of solution. It seems, however, that by playing the full three sessions of the three days the games can be handled. The preliminaries will naturally consume a great deal of time. There are at least sixty teams to compete which number makes 30 games in the preliminaries. This large number cannot be played in the first day but many of the fives will not need to make their appearance on the scene of action until the second day of the tournament.

It is readily seen that the tournament will not be a very strain on the individuals competing. In fact, it will be an easier affair upon the players than ever before. By there being so many teams and the process of elimination being used, the number of games each team has to play will be scattered over a greater period of time than if there were fewer fives to compete. The total number of games each team has to play will not be more than in previous years. This last statement will be heartily received by those fives who entertain hopes of winning the big trophy this season.

## Much Interest In Frat Floor League

MORGANTOWN, March 2.—Never in the history of the University has there been as much interest manifested in the inter-fraternity basketball league. Big crowds have turned out to every engagements and there have been upsets galore.

The apps Alpha team, picked as certain winners in league "A" was "knicked off" by Pete Noffens Sigma Nu's, and then the lowly Phi Si's came along and put a crimp in the high flying Sigma Nu's which succession of events leaves the K. A's. It is probable that the playoff to decide the winner of this league will be held the latter part of this week the schedule for the "rubber" contests will not be arranged till after the final Phi Psi Delt contest on Tuesday night, a game which is moved up from Thursday because of the complicated tie for leadership.

In league "B" the Sigma Phi Epsilon team coached by Pop Parker has yet to lose a contest and seems assured of the leadership there.

Following the decision in both branches of the league the winners will play a three game series to decide the frat championship and these games promise to attract more attention than the average 'Varsity encounter.

DERN IN MAT GAME.  
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